

6 June 1974

To: D/C FCS

Subject: Handling of LUSITANIA Material

1. I believe that LUSITANIA still is a commercial agency. There seems to be a widespread misbelief that government control of a press agency means that we can use its material freely. In point of fact, such an agency still can enjoy the protection of copyright. It also can sell its material to subscribers for a profit (look at what TASS wants to charge BBC!).

2. If we are to legalize our monitoring of press agencies it will be necessary to restrict our dissemination of LUSITANIA unless we subscribe to it.

3. If the editors are reluctant to publish an annex just to accomodate useful LUSITANIA material, it is time to re-examine the question of whether to publish all annex material in a separate book of the Daily Report.

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9. PORTUGAL \*The newspaper 'Diario de Noticias' of 3rd May carried a communique from the Lusitania news agency affirming its solidarity with the aims of the Junta of National Salvation and that, as a result of the 25th April coup, army 2nd Lieutenant Fernando Luis Helguera Lypi Duarte has assumed the post of Acting Director and Administrator-Delegate of the agency.

Lusitania transmissions continue to be received in morse (A1) (20 w/m) from 1900 - 2200 or later (cf. WRTI No.17, item 17). These are repeated with additional material the following day from 0730 (or 0800) - 0850 on CUA90 on 21796 kHz. Lusitania bulletins are also transmitted irregularly between 0900 and 1800 on the Lisbon to Cape Verde Islands F1 U5 TOR (2-channel time-division-multiplex) circuit on 19278 kHz or CUA78 16281 kHz.

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REURU LETTER OF 21 MAY TO ME ON LUSITANIA AGENCY, WE NEVER HAD ANY DOUBT HERE THAT AGENCY WAS PRIVATELY OWNED, AND SAID SO IN LD 436. BUT SINCE IT HAS NOT BEEN A COMMERCIALY RUN ENTERPRISE AND RUNS NO RESTRICTIVE PREAMBLE (OF LD 436), AND SINCE IT IS INDUBITABLY GOVERNMENT RUN (OF ALSO BBC'S WRTI NO. 12 OF 9 MAY, ITEM 9), THE BBC HAS NO HESITATION IN USING THE MATERIAL. AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR LETTER OF 15 FEBRUARY TO DRD ON "BBC NEEDS FOR PRESS AGENCY COPY," BBC ATTITUDE IS QUITE PRAGMATIC. PRAGMATICALLY SPEAKING, WE BELIEVE FBIS SHOULD NOT RELEGATE IT TO ANNEX. 04/1519Z JUN

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21 May 1974

[redacted] Deputy Chief

London Bureau, FRIS

Dear Bob:

Subject: LUSITANIA Press Agency

We were a bit surprised to hear that the EBC was monitoring and apparently using LUSITANIA material, particularly when there did not seem to be any confirmation of the TASS report that the new government had assumed control of the agency. Subsequently, someone here checked with the embassy (which may have been a mistake) and was told that definitely ANI and LUSITANIA are privately owned.

On this basis--and particularly after tipping our hand that way--we have decided to treat LUSITANIA as FOUO and publish it only in the Daily Report Annex. I pass this on for your information and for the EBC for what it's worth. We'll be keeping an eye on it and may later drop the FOUO if the status of the agency appears to warrant. As for purchase, we'll need more time to assess its value before going that route.

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Deputy Chief, Field Coverage Staff

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

FROM :

DATE: 10 May 1974

SUBJECT: Portuguese press agencies

At your request, I called the Portuguese Embassy and spoke to the press attache, Mr. Dias. I asked him if ANI and Lusitania are private or government controlled, and he said, twice, that they are both private news agencies.

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RUBINSTEIN, FROM BBC REFERENCE COPY OF NEWSPAPER;  
LISBON, DIARIO DE NOTICIAS 3 MAY 74

((TEXT)) WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE FROM THE  
LUSITANIA NEWS AGENCY:

LUSITANIA NEWS AGENCY, SET UP IN THE SOCIETY FOR THE  
PROPAGANDA OF PORTUGAL ((SOCIEDADE PROPAGANDA DE PORTUGAL))  
HAS AN OLD TRADITION OF DEDICATION AT THE SERVICE OF THE  
COUNTRY AND OF NATIONWIDE COMMUNICATION, NOTABLY WITH AND  
BETWEEN THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES, AT THIS EXTRAORDINARY HOUR,  
WHEN THE GLORIOUS ARMED FORCES HAVE OPENED UP NEW HORIZONS AND  
NEW PROSPECTS TO THE FUTURE OF THE NATION AND WHEN THE UNITY OF  
ALL PORTUGUESE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING THE PATRIOTIC GOALS  
DEFINED BY THE JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION, LUSITANIA NEWS  
AGENCY WISHES TO FIRMLY AND SOLEMNLY AFFIRM ITS ADHERENCE TO  
THESE GOALS,

LUSITANIA AND ALL WHO WORK IN IT, WHO AS EVER HAVE THE HONOR

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ALL ELSE, WILL COOPERATE OPENLY, SINCERELY, WITH DEVOTION,  
AND IN A SPIRIT OF DISCIPLINE WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONTINUING  
TO FIGHT COURAGEOUSLY FOR PORTUGAL AND ITS FUTURE,

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((TEXT)) DUE TO THE GLORIOUS MOVEMENT OF 25 APRIL, ARMY 2D  
LT FERNANDO LUIS HELGUERA LUPI DUARTE HAS ASSUMED THE POST  
OF ACTING DIRECTOR AND ADMINISTRATOR DELEGATE  
((ADMINISTRADOR-DELEGADO)) OF THE LUSITANIA NEWS AGENCY,  
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<b>Remarks:</b> <p>For now, Lusitania News Agency material may be used without caveat. As a precaution, however, FCS will be attempting to verify thru the Lisbon Embassy the reported "official" affiliation of the agency. But if BBC is using it openly, I'm certain we're on firm ground in following suit.</p>							
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REF WA 083, RUBINSTEIN ADVISES THAT (UNLIKE ANI, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS A "PRIVATELY OWNED COMPANY") LUSITANIA NEWS AGENCY, ACCORDING TO UNESCO'S "WORLD COMMUNICATIONS" OF 1966, WAS A "NONPROFIT COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE." HE HAS NO REASON TO QUARREL WITH TASS REPORT THAT LUSITANIA NEWS AGENCY IS NOW UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL, AND BBC IS USING ITS MATERIAL. AGENCY'S PREAMBLE INCLUDES NO COPYRIGHT CAVEAT, 07/1119Z MAY

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